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Testimony

In Support of Council Resolution 10-144

(SMP for Kapiolani Community College – 2010/SMA-18)

City and County of Honolulu
City Council, Zoning Committee
Honolulu, HI 96813
ATTN: Chairman Ikaika Anderson

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Re: Kapiolani Community College – Resolution 10-144 - SMP FOR KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE (2010/SMA-18). Granting a Special Management Area Use Permit (SMP) for the Kapiolani Community College Culinary Institute of the Pacific. (Transmitted by Communication D-400) (Current deadline for Council action: August 14, 2010)

Dear Chairman Anderson,

The Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 supports the adoption of Resolution 10-144, but reserves the right to submit additional comment as may be required.

Kapiolani Community College has been transparent throughout the planning process and has actively sought community participation and comments through their many outreach meetings and charretts. Design changes have incorporated community suggestions and comments. Presently, our community is quite comfortable with the project and we again offer our support in the adoption of Resolution 10-144.

The current conceptual rendering of the Culinary Institute of the Pacific indicates that this project will provide both a world-class educational environment as well as a significant community asset. This project will keep Hawaii on the cutting edge of technological advances and be competitive with other world-class institutions.

In conclusion, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 is grateful for the opportunity to offer our testimony in support of the resolution and would like to stress the importance of these types of projects to the viability of Hawaii's long-term sustainability and future of the hospitality industry.

Respectfully,

Bert T. Narita, Chairman
Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5

